

PATENT

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Applicant:	Senthil Govindaswamy	Confirmation No.	7894
Serial No.:	10/630,510	Docket No.:	000172
Filed:	July 29, 2003	Customer No.:	23696
Examiner:	Duy M. Dang	Group Art Unit:	2624
Title:	DIGITAL IMAGE ENCODING		

INTERVIEW SUMMARY

Commissioner for Patents
P.O. Box 1450
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Dear Sir:

In a telephonic interview initiated by Applicant's representatives (Timothy E. Buckley, Reg. No. 55,028; Kelly Patrick Fitzgerald, Reg. No. 46,326; and Gregory J. Albin, Reg. No. 56,292) on August 14, 2008, and conducted with Examiner Duy M. Dang, the Examiner and Applicant's representatives discussed the rejection of claims 1, 25 and 28 under 35 U.S.C. 102(b) in view of Watson. During the discussion, Applicant's representatives maintained that Watson fails to anticipate the subject matter of claims 1, 25 and 28. Applicant's representatives argued that the interpretation of Watson presented in the most recent Office Action was improper, because, contrary to what was stated in the Office Action, the process shown in FIG. 4 of Watson does not traverse the "YES" branch of decision box 90 when the bit rate is below a desired bit rate. Instead, when the bit rate is below a desired bit rate, the process in FIG. 4 of Watson proceeds along the "NO" branch of decision box 90 and continues to adjust the target perceptual error until the bit rate is equal to a desired threshold. Applicant's representatives also pointed out several other distinctions between the Watson reference and claims 1, 25 and 28. The Examiner reacted favorably to Applicant's arguments and indicated that if such arguments were made in a formal response, then they would be sufficient to overcome the rejection of claims 1, 25 and 28 under 35 U.S.C. 102(b) in view of Watson.

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